

JOHN H. SHANDS.

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Mr. PATTERSON, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

## REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4285.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4285) granting an increase of pension to John H. Shands, have examined the same and report:

John H. Shands, whose post-office address is Kennett, Mo., served during the Mexican war from April 21, 1847, to December 27, 1847, as a private in Company G, Third Regiment United States Dragoons. He is now receiving the pension of \$12 per month provided by the Mexican war service acts of January 29, 1887, and January 5, 1893.

Claimant is 80 years of age, and evidence accompanying the bill, including his sworn petition, shows him to be almost blind and deaf, paralyzed and helpless, and wholly unable to care for himself. It is also shown that he is destitute of property or resources and is dependent on his pension for his support.

His advanced age and deplorable condition merit favorable consideration of the bill, the passage of which is recommended when amended as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "twenty-four" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty."

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